IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 68-77 and 80 without prejudice. Claims 9, 23-27, 28-59 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-8, 10-22, 28-41, 43-58, 60-62, 67, 78-79 and 81-82 are currently pending in the application.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2006, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement between Claims 1-8, 10-22, 28-41, 43-58, 60-62, 67, 78-79 and 81-82 (Invention I) and Claims 68-77 and 80 (Invention II). Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the claims which the Examiner has identified are associated with Invention I, and to withdraw the claims which the Examiner has identified are associated with Invention II without prejudice to the right to prosecute said claims in a later-filed divisional application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by telephone, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-3683, Docket No. 70120-00005.

Respectfully submitted,

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